

WJZ-TV
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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Corporation, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

PROGRAM INDEX

CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's medical reporter, Kellye Lynn, discusses health issues and interviews experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

January 1: Eyewitness News did a story on the medical storing of kidneys prior to a kidney transplant.

January 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the rise in the number of stomach flu cases in the Baltimore area.

January 2: Eyewitness News did a story on how needle biopsies are being used to diagnose breast cancer.

January 3: Eyewitness News did a story on a Baltimore study that shows most people don't get enough Vitamin D in their diets.

January 5: Eyewitness News did a story on ovarian cancer risks for obese women.

January 6: Eyewitness News did a story on Kawasaki syndrome, the health problem John Travolta's son suffered from prior to his death.

January 7: Eyewitness News did a story on a tool called Vizilite that doctors are using to find oral lesions that could become cancer.

January 8: Eyewitness News did a story on a workout called Cross Fit which uses every day natural and functional movements.

January 10: Eyewitness News did a story on seven people in Maryland sickened by a national salmonella outbreak.

January 12: Eyewitness News did a story on a baby who was born without the breast cancer gene.

January 13: Eyewitness News did a story on the Sister to Sister Heart Health Campaign in Baltimore.

January 14: Eyewitness News did a story on safe alternatives to gastric bypass surgery.

January 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a study that says heart stents may not be the best option to unblock arteries for some patients.

January 16: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's budget deficit and its negative impact on health care for the state's uninsured.

January 19: Eyewitness News did a story on increased survival rates for patients who suffer their first heart attack.

January 21: Eyewitness News did a story on how cleaner air has added nearly five months to the average life expectancy.

January 21: Eyewitness News did a story on how important it is for parents to get the Pertussis vaccine in order to keep their kids healthy.

January 22: Eyewitness News did a story on how thermology, the same tool firefighters use, can help detect breast cancer.

January 23: Eyewitness News did a story on a new study designed to see if embryonic stem cells can treat people safely and lead to many new cures.

January 26: Eyewitness News did a story on how many breast cancer patients opt to have a double mastectomy even if one breast is healthy.

January 27: Eyewitness News did a story on a health study that shows kids achieve better in the classroom with recess a part of their school day.

January 27: Eyewitness News did a story on how Botox is a treatment for cervical dystonia.

January 29: Eyewitness News did a story on how the medication in rescue inhalers is changing to become more environmentally friendly.

February 2: Eyewitness News did a story on a blood test which helps predict which women are at risk for post partum depression.

February 3: Eyewitness News did a story on the first ever transvaginal kidney removal which was performed at Johns Hopkins Hospital

February 4: Eyewitness News did a story on deep vein thrombosis and a new minimally invasive surgery that allows doctors to eliminate the clots.

February 5: Eyewitness News did a story on how a discovery inside a Johns Hopkins lab could someday improve the detection and treatment of ovarian cancer.

February 6: Eyewitness News did a story on how a daily dose of Vitamin D can help protect people from developing multiple sclerosis.

February 9: Eyewitness News did a story on survival statistics for pregnant women suffering from breast cancer.

February 10: Eyewitness News did a story on Olympian Kimmie Meissner lobbying for better fitness incentives in Maryland.

February 10: Eyewitness News did a story on how more than one alcoholic drink a day can hurt just about every organ in the body.

February 11: Eyewitness News did a story on new treatment for prostate cancer.

February 12: Eyewitness News did a story on a court ruling that vaccines are not to blame for causing autism.

February 13: Eyewitness News did a story on how Valentine's Day scents and tastes can trigger migraines for some people.

February 14: Eyewitness News did a story on the peanut salmonella recall

February 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a meningitis outbreak at University of Pennsylvania.

February 16: Eyewitness News did a story on conjoined twins

February 17: Eyewitness News did a story on a 12-way kidney transplant

February 18: Eyewitness News did a story on a pill to fight phobias and post traumatic stress

February 19: Eyewitness News did a story on a significant drop in MRSA infections.

February 20: Eyewitness News did a story on a flu warning in Baltimore City after a dramatic increase in the number of cases.

February 22: Eyewitness News did a story on follow-up on a local boy who had a massive tumor removed.

February 23: Eyewitness News did a story on calcium and the potential to lower the risk of cancer.

February 24: Eyewitness News did a story on a link between insulin and breast cancer.

February 25: Eyewitness News did a story on a link between alcohol and several forms of cancer.

February 26: Eyewitness News did a story on an international study saying many common cancers can be prevented through healthy living.

February 27: Eyewitness News did a story on a promising new treatment for terminal liver cancer that is currently used to fight colon cancer.

March 2: Eyewitness News did a story on Tami flu and how it's not effective on this year's flu strain.

March 4: Eyewitness News did a story on teeth grinding brought on by stress.

March 6: Eyewitness News did a story on a new bionic eye.

March 7: Eyewitness News did a story on how triglycerides levels are an overlooked health problem.

March 9: Eyewitness News did a story on optimism and how thinking positive can help you live longer.

March 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a marathon surgery to remove a baseball sized tumor from a young girl.

March 11: Eyewitness News did a story on Legionnaires Disease at St. Joseph's Medical Center.

March 12: Eyewitness News did a story on leech therapy for chronic pain.

March 13: Eyewitness News did a story on a two patients getting parts of one liver in this unique transplant.

March 14: Eyewitness News did a story on Barbara Bush's aortic valve surgery.

March 16: Eyewitness News did a story on a cure for those who suffer from peanut allergies.

March 17: Eyewitness News did a story on diabetes and how it can affect your memory as you grow older.

March 18: Eyewitness News did a story on two cases of deadly influenza.

March 19: Eyewitness News did a story on PSA screening and how it may lead to prostate cancer.

March 22: Eyewitness News did a story on how nursing homes are seeing more patients with mental illness at a younger age.

March 23: Eyewitness News did a story on how eating too much red meat increases the risk of cancer and heart disease.

March 24: Eyewitness News did a story on how a woman's age could determine whether she gets on the transplant waiting list.

March 24: Eyewitness News did a story on the sharp drop in cases of tuberculosis in Baltimore.

March 25: Eyewitness News did a story on needless sensors that measure diabetics' blood sugar.

March 26: Eyewitness News did a story on a treatment for multiple sclerosis that doesn't involve a needle.

March 27: Eyewitness News did a story on a new mostly painless treatment for chronic sinusitis.

March 28: Eyewitness News did a story on whether there is a link between Hurricane Katrina and the increased number of people in New Orleans who suffer heart attacks.

March 30: Eyewitness News did a story on the development of artificial blood to be used for medical purposes.

March 30: Eyewitness News did a story on infant obesity.

March 31: Eyewitness News did a story on the startling number of teens who suffer from depression.

March 31: Eyewitness News did a story on the combination of two drugs that could help treat people who suffer from arterial fibrillation.

ON TIME

January 18: Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Karen Miller and Vicki Harding about Mayor Sheila Dixon's new Fit Baltimore campaign. They discuss the medical benefits of exercise and how this new program targets single city mothers.

February 1: Kai Jackson talks about cardiac disease in women with heart attack survivors Dawn Fitzpatrick and Theresa Volpe, Cardiologist Ramona Gelzer Bell and fashion show planner Travis Winkey. They discuss how women's symptoms often differ from men's and how the upcoming Go Red for Women fashion show is designed to bring awareness of cardiac disease to women especially African American women.

February 8: Kai Jackson talks with Tom Litzer from Priority Partners about health programs for low-income Marylanders who are eligible for medical assistance. They discuss programs offered by managed care organizations.

February 8: The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults was started by a three-time cancer survivor, Doug Ulman, who found that little support was available to young adults diagnosed with this disease. Brock Yetso, the executive director, tells Kai Jackson about the role that his organization plays in helping young adults navigate a diagnosis of cancer.

February 15: The Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center at the University of Maryland Medical Center has a multidisciplinary approach to care when it comes to treating people diagnosed with cancer. Dr. Mohan Suntha explains to Kai Jackson that by involving the surgeon, radiation oncologist and medical oncologist in a meeting with the patient they are presented with a comprehensive treatment plan specialized to their cancer. Cancer survivor Staci Bafford discusses her experiences surviving thyroid cancer.

February 22: The Sister to Sister Heart Health Fair offers free health screenings and workshops on topics of interest to women. A heart disease survivor describes how her lifestyle has changed to include eating healthy, and getting regular exercise. The dietician explains how simple changes like substituting whole grains in place of white bread can make a difference on the heart's health.

March 1: The CCBS Women's Expo offers health screenings, financial workshops and vendors selling items targeted to the well being of women. The event organizers tell Kai Jackson about this annual event that draws women from the metro area.

March 1: The demand for food from local soup kitchens and food pantries is outpacing the amount of donations coming in from various sources. The Maryland Food Bank is joining with the post office to collect non-perishable food during the Letter Carriers Drive, March 7-14. The public can put canned goods near their mailboxes and the items will be collected and distributed to those in need through the Maryland Food Bank.

March 8: The Casey Cares Foundation helps families with critically and terminally ill children. This group provides fun activities for families to counter balance overwhelming medical issues. Activities range from birthday parties to outings at sports and cultural events.

March 22: Kai Jackson talks with House of Ruth managers Lisa Nitsch and Tania Araya about domestic violence issues raised by the high profile incident involving pop stars Chris Brown and his girlfriend Rihanna. They discuss why victims of domestic violence often return to their attackers and drop charges.

March 22: Depression is a mental illness that crosses economic, racial, and gender lines. Dr. Scott Aaronson discusses depression symptoms and how this illness is more than just feeling melancholy. He tells Kai Jackson about an upcoming free seminar on depression for both health care professionals and the public.

CONSUMER

January 1: Eyewitness News did a story on retail sales figures for 08 and the prospect for 09

January 2: Eyewitness News did a story on how you can re-use your paper coffee cups

January 3: Eyewitness News did a story on gas prices

January 4: Eyewitness News did a story on after Christmas sale prices

January 5: Eyewitness News did a story on the DTV conversion coupons

January 6: Eyewitness News did a story on Wegman's free antibiotics.

January 7: Eyewitness News did a story on new consumer products being revealed at the National Consumer Electronics show.

January 8: Eyewitness News did a story on a Nissan recall

January 13: Eyewitness News did a story on consumers who need aid to pay their home heating bills.

January 15: Eyewitness News did a story on a crib recall

January 20: Eyewitness News did a story on recall at Wegman's stores linked to tainted peanut butter.

January 21: Eyewitness News did a story on a class action suit settled that entitles people to free cosmetics.

January 22: Eyewitness News did a story on cheap air fares.

January 23: Eyewitness News did a story on how more and more stores are offering double and triple coupons.

January 26: Eyewitness News did a story on new products recalled because of possible salmonella contamination.

January 27: Eyewitness News did a story on the plummeting consumer confidence rate.

January 28: Eyewitness News did a story on how the US Postal Service is considering cutting a delivery day to save money.

January 29: Eyewitness News did a story on how Girl Scout cookies are smaller this year as a way to cut down on production costs.

January 30: Eyewitness News did a story on the EZ Pass toll hike in Maryland.

February 1: Eyewitness News did a story on the hundreds of thousands of dollars that a former Baltimore librarian left the Enoch Pratt in her estate.

February 2: Eyewitness News did a story on consumer groups urging Congress to require annual inspections of peanut processing plants.

February 4: Eyewitness News did a story on how 49 of 50 states flunked a national survey on college affordability.

February 6: Eyewitness News did a story on how truckloads of tainted peanut butter products were sent to schools in three states.

February 9: Eyewitness News did a story on Starbucks' new value meal.

February 10: Eyewitness News did a story on how McDonald's beat Starbucks in a coffee consumer taste test.

February 11: Eyewitness News did a story on poor crash safety ratings for the Chevy Silverado 1500, Dodge ram 1500, and Nissan Titan.

February 12: Eyewitness News did a story on how companies are increasing the price of cigarettes.

February 12: Eyewitness News did a story on customer complaints about unusually high electric bills.

February 13: Eyewitness News did a story on consumer concerns over BGE rate hikes

February 14: Eyewitness News did a story on celebrating Valentine's Day on a budget

February 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the restructuring of the big 3 auto companies.

February 17: Eyewitness News did a story on the stimulus plan and home foreclosure numbers.

February 19: Eyewitness News did a story on Facebook policies.

February 23: Eyewitness News did a story on a bill to assist city residents facing foreclosures.

February 24: Eyewitness News did a story on language in the stimulus package and what it means to viewers

February 27: Eyewitness News did a story on an airline considering charging for bathroom use to save money

February 28: Eyewitness News did a story on local restaurants going green

March 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the possibility cab rates may increase in area

March 5: Eyewitness News did a story on a BGE hearing on rate hikes with public service commission.

March 8: Eyewitness News did a story on Governor O'Malley and plans to help Marylanders during recession

March 9: Eyewitness News did a story on the FDIC asking for bail-out help from government

March 10: Eyewitness News did a story on a Maytag recall

March 13: Eyewitness News did a story on toxins in popular children's bath products

March 14: Eyewitness News did a story on local consumers with overdue BGE bills getting a reprieve before a utility shut-off.

March 16: Eyewitness News did a story on new food labeling that shows the origin of the food product.

March 20: Eyewitness News did a story on recalled trail mixes and peanut products.

March 21: Eyewitness News did a story on Money Power Day, a free financial fair in Baltimore.

March 23: Eyewitness News did a story on how local malls are cutting their hours because of slow business.

March 24: Eyewitness News did a story on new crash tests that determine roof safety in vehicles.

March 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the Senate's consideration to create a tax amnesty program for people who owe back taxes.

March 26: Eyewitness News did a story on cuts being made at the Post Office because of reduced revenue.

March 27: Eyewitness News did a story on President Obama's request for the nation's largest banks to devise a plan to address their bad assets.

March 30: Eyewitness News did a story on the \$4 million refund Chase Bank is giving to customers because it imposed illegal monthly fees.

March 31: Eyewitness News did a story on the steep price drop for Sony Playstation 2.

March 31: Eyewitness News did a story on the recall of 2 Yamaha RV models because of dangers and deadly accidents linked to them.

ON TIME

February 8: Free tax assistance is available to low-income Marylanders according to Joanna Smith Ramani, director of the Baltimore Cash Campaign. She tells Kai Jackson about the Earned Income Tax Credit and how applying for the credit can mean hundreds of dollars to struggling families.

March 8: Kai Jackson talks with Joanne Smith Ramani and Wendy Gordon about Money Power Day. This event for city residents offers workshops on avoiding home foreclosures, free tax preparation, help with utility bills, etc.

ART & CULTURE

January 1: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore's New Year's Spectacular fireworks show.

January 1: Eyewitness News did a story on the Ultimate Couch Potato Contest at the ESPN Zone.

January 2: Eyewitness News did a story on Purple Friday in Baltimore and the community excitement for the Raven's first playoff game.

January 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the Wise Avenue holiday train garden in Dundalk.

January 3: Eyewitness News did a story on the national Bullriding Tour in Baltimore.

January 4: Eyewitness News did a story with the curator at the Edgar Allen Poe Museum on Poe events and celebrations for 2009.

January 5: Eyewitness News did a story on t-shirt printing companies making Ravens playoff shirts.

January 6: Eyewitness News did a story on a Mount Airy home that is covered from top to bottom with Ravens paraphernalia.

January 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the closing of Rhebs Candy in Lexington Market.

January 7: Eyewitness News did a story on Broadway's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang performing at the Hippodrome.

January 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the Maryland company that's making the floats for the Presidential Inauguration.

January 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the ArenaCross extreme sports event at the First Mariner Arena.

January 11: Eyewitness News did a story on a ne baby gorilla at the Smithsonian Washington Zoo.

January 13: Eyewitness News did a story on the local company that created the invitations for the Inauguration.

January 14: Eyewitness News did a story on the Maryland man who will announce the floats and marching bands during the Inauguration parade.

January 15: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore City's preparations for Barack Obama's Whistle Stop tour through Baltimore.

January 15: Eyewitness News did a story on purple pizza in honor of the Ravens at Brick Oven Pizza.

January 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the unveiling of the Edgar Allen Poe postage stamp.

January 16: Eyewitness News did a story on local bakeries and the Obama goodies that are selling like crazy.

January 17: Eyewitness News did a story on Barack Obama's Baltimore visit.

January 18: Eyewitness News did a story on the Ravens Roost at the Carney Rod and Gun club.

January 19: Eyewitness News did a story on the unveiling of a Barack Obama statue at the Great Black and Wax Museum.

January 19: Eyewitness News did a story on the annual Martin Luther King Day parade in Baltimore.

January 20: Eyewitness News did a story on Inauguration viewing parties.

January 21: Eyewitness News did a story on the Baltimore Boat Show.

January 22: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore's Restaurant Week.

January 23: Eyewitness News did a story on the World of Pets Expo.

January 23: Eyewitness News did a story on new half marathon in Baltimore with proceeds going toward UMMC cancer patients.

January 24: Eyewitness News did a story on Baltimore's Restaurant Week.

January 24: Eyewitness News did a story on the Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge that supports Special Olympics of Maryland.

January 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the lunar New Year.

January 26: Eyewitness News did a story on federal funding to help save the steam tug "Baltimore."

January 27: Eyewitness News did a story on how Barry Levinson came to town to help push for money incentives for Hollywood film makers in Maryland.

January 29: Eyewitness News did a story on how a Baltimore baker made Michelle Obama's birthday cake without knowing.

February 1: Eyewitness News did a story on two new exhibits at Port Discovery.

February 2: Eyewitness News did a story on the Hopkins screening of "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story," a made for TV movie airing on TNT about the famous Hopkins doctor.

February 4: Eyewitness News did a story on the fifth anniversary of the reopening of the Hippodrome Theater.

February 5: Eyewitness News did a story on Cirque du Soleil's collaboration with the Baltimore Symphony.

February 5: Eyewitness News did a story on Grease at the Hippodrome.

February 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the Gelfman Ride Across Maryland that benefits local breast cancer programs.

February 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the job fair at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

February 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the Great Baltimore Burn rowing event.

February 8: Eyewitness News did a story on the Mid-Atlantic Motorcycle show at the Timonium Fairgrounds.

February 10: Eyewitness News did a story on Geppi Barbies at the Geppi Museum in Baltimore.

February 11: Eyewitness News did a story on how the Wilson Parrot Foundation rescued dozens of exotic birds from unsanitary conditions.

February 12: Eyewitness News did a story on the International Auto show at the Convention Center.

February 15: Eyewitness News did a story on musicians rally to keep Senator Theatre open with live concert performances

February 16: Eyewitness News did a story on the Black History oratory contest high school finalists

February 23: Eyewitness News did a story on the Baltimore Museum of Art's exhibit on circus family life.

February 27: Eyewitness News did a story on how the local arts – museums, galleries and the symphony - are in trouble due to the nationwide economic downturn.

March 1: Eyewitness News did a story on town hall meeting in Columbia with Delegate Elijah Cummings on economy

March 4: Eyewitness News did a story on the Cherry Blossom Festival.

March 8: Eyewitness News did a story on fire alarms and how to check yours to make sure it works properly

March 11: Eyewitness News did a story on a gay rights rally in Annapolis

March 12: Eyewitness News did a story on Kooza, the latest touring production of Cirque du Soleil.

March 15: Eyewitness News did a story on Kooza high wire brothers act.

March 16: Eyewitness News did a story on local astronaut going up to space station in shuttle

March 17: Eyewitness News did a story on Senator Theatre stopping first run movies

March 18: Eyewitness News did a story on future of the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico.

March 22: Eyewitness News did a story on the community calling for more dog parks in Baltimore City.

March 23: Eyewitness News did a story on the parade of the Ringling Circus elephants into Baltimore.

March 24: Eyewitness News did a story on a local man starring in Cats at the Hippodrome.

March 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the opening of the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus in Baltimore.

March 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the make-up process the actors use in Cats.

March 26: Eyewitness News did a story on the unveiling of the first readable Braille coin.

March 27: Eyewitness News did a story on salary and benefit reductions at the Maryland Symphony Orchestra.

March 27: Eyewitness News did a story on auditions for street performers in Baltimore.

March 28: Eyewitness News did a story on the coin collector's expo at the Baltimore Convention Center.

March 29: Eyewitness News did a story on the "Glo-Ball" at the American Visionary Art Museum to help honor Dr. Patch Adams.

March 29: Eyewitness News did a story on the 50th anniversary Barbie Exhibition at Geppi's Entertainment Museum.

March 31: Eyewitness News did a story on the partnership between the Baltimore City fire department and the Brass Elephant restaurant to create a healthier diet and lifestyle.

ON TIME

January 25: Jackson Gay, the director of Center Stage's "Fabulation, or The Re-Education of Undine" tells Kai Jackson how this play examines the life of a successful African-American woman who loses her job and upscale lifestyle and returns to her roots in Brooklyn and the family she left behind.

January 25: Preston Bautista, the director of public programs for the Baltimore Museum of Art, tells Kai Jackson about the upcoming films in the African Film Festival National Traveling Series that will be screened at the museum and are free to the public.

February 1: Dr. Carla Hayden tells Kai Jackson about upcoming events at the Pratt Library that focus on Black History Month. She discusses several books and authors who will be featured at the library that examine African American history and culture.

February 15: Kai Jackson talks with chef John Johnson about the award winning crab cake recipe submitted by Brenda Johnson. They discuss the different types of crab meat and what makes a good crab cake.

February 22: Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the Baltimore Museum of Art about the new exhibition on Circus images by well known painters including Picasso. They discuss the new free audio tour of artworks from the museum's permanent collection.

February 22: Photographer Russ Moss tells Kai Jackson about his photo exhibit at the Lewis Museum on local musicians that are part of an oral history project. His big band is also performing at the museum.

March 1: Kai Jackson talks with Marin Alsop about the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's plans to reach out to diverse audiences through partnerships with the Soulful Symphony and signing headline acts like Savion Glover and Patti Austin. They also discuss the "off the cuff" series that gives audiences a behind the scenes narration of composers lives as it relates to the symphony being performed.

March 15: Kai Jackson talks with University of Baltimore law professor F. Michael Higginbotham about the election of the country's first African American president and the effect that has on civil rights laws. Professor Higginbotham discusses how these existing laws made his election possible and why now isn't the time to repeal any of these laws.

March 15: Dr. Carla Hayden who has known the Obama's from the 1980's when she was at the Chicago Public Library discusses her observations of his inauguration. She shares with Kai Jackson some of the items she collected from her official inaugural invitation to the souvenirs of this historical occasion.

March 22: Director Vincent Lancisi tells Kai Jackson that, “The Cherry Orchard” the current play at the Everyman Theatre was written over one hundred years ago but is relevant to economic issues facing today’s society. He discusses how the Everyman Theatre employs local actors and is renovating a closed vaudeville theatre to become their future home.

EDUCATION

January 1: Eyewitness News did a story on a mistake in state distribution of school funds in Montgomery County

January 2: Eyewitness News did a story on cut backs in Frederick County school extra curricular activities.

January 6: Eyewitness News did a story on proposed budget cuts on state level

January 7: Eyewitness News did a story on the high ranking of Maryland schools in national survey.

January 9: Eyewitness News did a story on the decline of Catholic school enrollment

January 13: Eyewitness News did a story on a 100-thousand dollar donation to Baltimore City College

January 14: Eyewitness News did a story on the Baltimore County school budget

January 17: Eyewitness News did a story on local students at the Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama

January 20: Eyewitness News did a story on how school children participated in Inauguration Day.

January 22: Eyewitness News did a story on the proposal to close Baltimore's Homeland Security Academy High School.

January 26: Eyewitness News did a story on a teacher at St. Frances Academy who could be deported for immigration violations.

January 27: Eyewitness News did a story on how the stimulus package being debated in Congress would help school funding in Maryland.

January 28: Eyewitness News did a story on how 4,000 high school seniors in Maryland have not passed the assessment test required for graduation.

January 29: Eyewitness News did a story on how Maryland is getting a poor grade for finding and keeping good teachers.

January 30: Eyewitness News did a story on a service that ranks Day Care and how parents can use it.

February 4: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland ranking top in the nation in Advance Placement rankings from the College Board.

February 5: Eyewitness News did a story on the budget for Carroll County schools calling for 40 jobs to be cut next fiscal year.

February 6: Eyewitness News did a story on how school leaders are seeking state help to repair broken schools.

February 8: Eyewitness News did a story on the state senate request for counties to assume a greater share of teacher pension costs.

February 10: Eyewitness News did a story on the dramatic drop in Catholic School enrollment.

February 11: Eyewitness News did a story on new electives like "Project Runway" and "Dancing with the Stars" in Anne Arundel county schools.

February 13: Eyewitness News did a story on the site of the new Towson University arena

February 14: Eyewitness News did a story on Hopkins University hiring freeze.

February 15: Eyewitness News did a story on the winner of the WJZ's Black History Oratory Contest

February 16: Eyewitness News did a story on a youth summit students participated in on President's Day.

February 20: Eyewitness News did a story on controversial plans to build a new school board building.

February 21: Eyewitness News did a story on the state's education fund getting money from the federal stimulus package.

February 23: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland culinary arts students getting into the White House kitchen

February 25: Eyewitness News did a story on a state board of education policy on bullying.

February 27: Eyewitness News did a story on advanced placement exams and how Maryland leads in number of students passing grades.

February 28: Eyewitness News did a story on a new school to replace the Bowling Brook Academy.

March 1: Eyewitness News did a story on Maryland's ranking 5th in elementary & middle school language learners according to the national assessment of education progress

March 4: Eyewitness News did a story on a town hall meeting with Governor O'Malley to discuss Frederick Douglass High School.

March 6: Eyewitness News did a story on the city school CEO reacting to comments made by former Lt. Governor Michael Steele.

March 9: Eyewitness News did a story on 3rd graders preparing for standardized tests at the Senator Theatre.

March 10: Eyewitness News did a story on Dr. Alonso's new school budget for Baltimore City.

March 11: Eyewitness News did a story on a closer look at proposed city school cuts

March 12: Eyewitness News did a story on new program to reduce violence in city schools

March 18: Eyewitness News did a story on Morgan State NCAA excitement

March 24: Eyewitness News did a story on the 4-day summer school week in Anne Arundel County.

March 25: Eyewitness News did a story on the approval of Baltimore City's school budget for next year.

March 26: Eyewitness News did a story on two Maryland teachers involved in the President's Online address to the country about education and economy.

March 27: Eyewitness News did a story on the closings of 8 schools in Prince George's County because of the state budget shortages.

March 28: Eyewitness News did a story on a scholarship named for WJZ anchormen Jerry Turner and Al Sanders.

March 30: Eyewitness News did a story on the first African American woman named the Dean of a Law School. Professor Phoebe Haddon is the Dean of the University of Maryland School of Law.

ON TIME

January 4: Dr. Carolane Williams tells Kai Jackson about a new scholarship program for both full and part time students who are majoring in certain areas of study that are needed in the workforce – bioscience, teaching, and health fields.

February 1: Sharon Hassan, the director of financial aid at Goucher College, tells Kai Jackson about the upcoming College Goal Sunday which is geared to parents and students. The event offers information on completing federal student aid applications to applying for local scholarships.

COMMUNITY

January 1: Eyewitness News did a story on New Year's Eve fireworks displays

February 15: Eyewitness News covered WJZ's Black History Month Oratory Contest. WJZ sponsors this annual event that awards top student orator with cash prizes.

March 27: Eyewitness News did a story on the "Glo-Ball" at the American Visionary Art Museum to help honor Patch Adams.

ON TIME

January 4: Kai Jackson talks with Marcellus Alexander, Vice President of Television for the NAB – National Association of Broadcasters, about the digital TV transition. He discusses what viewers need to do prior to February 17 to insure that their TVs will be able to receive digital signals.

January 4: The 35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast examines sports and opportunities. Representatives from BB&T tell Kai Jackson how the breakfast benefits needy children through Y of Central Maryland programs.

January 18: Dr. Joanne Martin and Alvin Gillard tell Kai Jackson about the unveiling of the new Barack Obama wax statue and the upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King Day Parade. They discuss the impact that both men have had on the nation.

January 18: Kai Jackson gives a rundown of upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King events being planned at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum including a special Presidential Inaugural celebration.

January 25: Marvin "Doc" Cheatham joins Kai Jackson to talk about the nation's first African-America President and the NAACP's 100 year centennial that occurs on February 12, 2009.

March 8: Kai Jackson introduces the top two winners in WJZ's Black History Oratory Contest, Nahshon Ford and James Bennett II. Their winning orations are shown.

March 29: Kai Jackson talks with Dick Gelfman about his Ride Across Maryland event that raises money for local breast cancer programs in Maryland. Now in its 9th year, the ride has generated just under \$1.5 million for the Maryland Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

March 29: The Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's Distinguished Leaders Awards involve prominent female business executives mentoring senior girl scouts. Jenny Trostel and Chelsea Green tell Kai Jackson about their experiences with the program.

March 29: The Maryland's Women's Heritage Center honors local females who have made contributions to the betterment of society. Jill Moss Greenberg tells Kai Jackson about their luncheon featuring author/journalist Cokie Roberts honoring mothers and daughters.